

Please do not lift the ban on the use of cell phone and wireless data communication devices during U.S. flights. Airline passengers have plenty of opportunity to use cell phones in airport terminals. Cell phone use should not even be permitted in planes at all - regardless of whether the plane door has been shut or not, as I often encounter passengers using cell phones on flights while the plane is heading for the terminal after landing. Cell phones are an obtrusive technology that should be forced on the flying public. So-called talking sections are not an acceptable option, as standby passengers and those who purchase tickets late could be forced into seating in the talking section if the no-talking section is full. If passengers can be expected to fly without smoking, so too can they be expected to forgo cell phones.